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INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFERS INTERNET FOR REPORTING EMPLOYEE WAGES

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, January 14, 2005 The Alabama Department of Industrial Relations is now offering an Internet option for employers to report employee wages. The fourth quarter reports for 2004 are due no later than January 31, 2005.

“Employers may upload magnetic media records of their employees’ wage history through the Industrial Relations Web site, once they register with our agency on the Web site,” says Phyllis Kennedy, Industrial Relations director. “No changes are necessary, so employers can use their same reporting format without the expense of producing tapes, diskettes, or CDs requiring packaging and postage for mailing.”

There is no size limit for the number of wages to be transmitted and the service eliminates the possibility of wage information being lost or damaged in the mail. The reporting process is private, secure, and fast. Once the wage information is uploaded, employers receive immediate verification.

In order to report wages via the Internet, employers must first access the Web site, <http://dir.alabama.gov/>; click on the “*e-gov*” icon; and then click on “*Alawage Upload*.” For further assistance, employers may contact Paula Litton at 334-242-8461 or (e-mail) PLitton@dir.state.al.us.

Smaller employers may opt to file directly on line by also selecting the “*e-gov*” icon on the Industrial Relations Web site.

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Industrial Relations is an umbrella organization of State government which administers: the State Employment Service, Unemployment Insurance, Workers’ Compensation, and Labor Market Information. Smaller programs also administered include Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation, Mine Safety and Inspection, and Surface Mining of Non-Fuel Minerals. For more information on Industrial Relations, visit the Web site: <http://dir.alabama.gov/>.